

## REMARKS

Applicants' attorney, Mr. Leopold Presser, gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended to him by the Examiner, Mr. Hargobind S. Sawhney, during the interview conducted at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 23, 2005, at which time the present application was extensively discussed in view of the outstanding Office Action.

During the interview, applicants noted that the Examiner referred to two (2) additional patents, Harrison, U.S. Patent No. 4,794,373 and Lefebvre, U.S. Patent No. 6,641,294 B2, both of which, however, are only considered to be technological background material and fail to provide for the type of lighting arrangement for aircraft cabins analogous to that set forth and claimed herein. However, applicants consider both of these patents as being of record during the prosecution of the present application.

Furthermore, as suggested by the Examiner, and in order to more clearly distinguish over the art, applicants have entered further structural features relating to the aircraft into the present claims. In this connection, applicants also note the distinctions over the prior art, as set forth in the present aircraft lighting system, and wherein the primary reference of record is applicants' own earlier U.S. patent, which is commonly assigned to the present assignee and which also has a common inventorship.

Concerning the foregoing, as also suggested by the Examiner, applicants' attorney herewith submits a Declaration setting forth that the cited U.S. Patent No. 6,203,180 B1, has a common inventorship, and wherein the assignment thereof to Diehl Stiftung & Co. in Nürnberg, Germany is identical legally to the present assignment, which is to Diehl Luftfahrt Elektronik GmbH in Nürnberg, Germany, the latter of which is a divisional and wholly owned subsidiary of Diehl Stiftung & Co. Consequently, both are identical in nature and are deemed to be a common

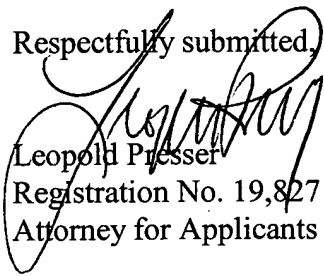
assignee of the present application and the referenced Fleishchmann U.S. patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,203,180 B1).

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request that the Fleischmann reference be withdrawn from consideration herein.

Furthermore, applicants note that the amended claims, which also set forth the distinctions with regard to the arrangement of the modules and their operative functions in connection with a regulating module and the light emitting diodes being actuatable by means of pulse width modulation cannot be ascertained from the combined prior art, and it remained for the present applicants to inventively incorporate all of these operative features in deriving the unique aircraft cabin lighting system.

In view of the foregoing amendments, which are deemed to clearly distinguish over the art, applicants respectfully submit that this application is clearly in condition for allowance, and the early and favorable reconsideration and issuance of the Notice of Allowance by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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